

*Some Considerations*

Of Mr. Nic. Mercator, concerning the Geometrick and direct Method of Signior Cassini for finding the Apogees, Excentricities, and Anomalies of the Planets; as that was printed in the Journal des Scavans of Septemb. 2. 1669: which Considerations are here deliver'd in the Latine Tongue, wherein they were written by the Author, as chiefly regarding the Learn'd in Astronomy, viz.

*Clarissimi Cassini Methodus*

*Investigandi Apogæa, Excentricitates & Anomalias Planetarum, breviter Exposita & Demonstrata.*

Supponit Cl. Cassinus, ad Planetam in Ellipsi moventem extendi ab utroque foco duas rectas, quarum altera sit *medii*, altera autem *veri* motus linea. Constructio porro talis est;

<p><i>Fig. II.</i> L est Centrum Concentrici A B C D E. B L D est Diameter. B A, B C, B P, sunt intervalla apparentia. D E, D F, D Q, sunt intervalla medi- orum motuum. B E, B F, B Q; item D A, D C, D P, sunt lineæ rectæ. B E secat D A in H; B F secat D C in G; B Q secat D P in R.</p>	<p>R H G est linea recta. B I est perpendicularis ad R H G. I est Centrum Ellipseos. L I est Excentricitas. I O = L I. O est focus, circa quem ordinatur medius motus; L, circa quem verus. I M = I N = L B. M est Apogæon; N, Perigeon; B L M Anomalia vera.</p>
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*Demonstratio.*

I. Illustrissimus ac Reverendiss. *Sethus Wardus*, quondam in Celeberr. Acad. *Oxon.* Professor Astronomiæ Savilianus, nunc Episcopus Sarisburiensis, in *Examine Astronomiæ Philolaica*, edito *Oxon. A. 1653. c. 6.* docuit Methodum, ex data Anomalia media Planetarum, investigandi veram; quæ est hujusmodi:

*Fig. III.* C, est Centrum Ellipseos A E P: F, focus, circa quem ordinatur medius motus. S, focus, circa quem ordinatur verus motus. A, Apogæon. P, Perigeon. E, Erro five Planeta. A F E, Anomalia media. A S E, Anomalia vera. F E T, linea recta, E T = S E. S T est linea recta.

In  $\triangle$  S F T dantur, 1. S F distantia focorum: 2. F T = F E + E S = A P. 3. A F T, angulus externus, five Anomalia media, æqualis summae angulorum F S T & T. Ergo inveniri potest F S E, five Anomalia vera, æqualis differentiæ Angulorum F S T & T. Nimirum

Vt

Ut semi-summa laterum  $FT$  &  $FS$ , ad semi-differentiam eorundem;  
Ita Tangens semi-summæ angulorum  $FST$  &  $T$ , ad Tangentem semi-differentiæ eorundem.

Sed semi-summa laterum  $FT$  &  $FS$  invenitur, substituendo pro  $FT$  æqualem  $AP$ , cujus semis est  $AC$ , qui additus  $CS$  semissi ipsius  $FS$ , facit Semi-summam  $AS$ , distantiam Planetæ maximam.

Tum, si ex semi-summa  $AS$  auferatur latus minus  $FS$ , restat semi-differentia laterum  $FA$ , æqualis  $PS$ , distantia Planetæ minimæ; ut sit

*Regula ex Anomalia Media data inveniendi veram:*

Ut  $AS$ , distantia Planetæ maxima, ad  $PS$ , distantiam minimam;  
Ita Tangens dimidiæ Anomaliæ mediæ, ad Tangentem dimidiæ Anomaliæ veræ.

*Corollar. I.* Si continuetur  $SE$  usque ad  $U$ , ita ut  $EU$  sit = ipsi  $FE$ , & tota  $SU$  = Axi  $AP$ ; erit  $\triangle FSU$  angulus  $U$  semis Prosthaphæreseos  $FES$ , ideoque æqualis semi-differentiæ angulorum Anomaliæ mediæ & veræ, h.e. ipsorum  $AFE$  &  $ASE$ ; & externus  $AU$  = semi-summæ eorundem  $AFE$  &  $ASE$  angulorum, ablata scil. semi-differentiâ  $UFE$  ex majori  $AFE$ . Unde oriuntur duæ Analogiæ:

1. Ut Sinus semi-summæ Anomaliæ mediæ & veræ  $AU$ , ad Sinum semi-differentiæ eorundem,  $U$ ; Ita  $SU$  (= axi transverso  $AP$ ) ad  $SF$ , distantiam focorum.

2. Ut Sinus semi-summæ Anomaliæ mediæ & veræ,  $AFV$ , ad Sinum Anomaliæ veræ  $FSU$ ; Ita  $SU$  (vel axis  $AP$ ) ad  $FU$ , subtenfam Anomaliæ veræ: Ita quoque semi-axis  $AC$ , ad semi-subtenfam  $UX$ , vel  $FX$ .

*Corollar. II.* Si in eodem Triangulo  $FSU$ , ex subtenfæ  $FU$  puncto medio  $X$ , erigatur perpendicularis  $XE$ ; secabit illa  $SU$  in duas partes, quarum altera  $UE$  = est lineæ mediæ motûs  $FE$ , altera verò  $SE$  est ipsa lineæ veri motûs.

*II. Fig. IV.* Sit  $a$  Centrum Con-  
centrici  $chfi$ .  
 $cad$ , Diameter, eadêmeque lineæ  
Apsidum.  
 $cb$ , Arcus Anomaliæ veræ, cui re-  
spondet  
 $di$ , Arcus Anomaliæ mediæ. Itaque

$cdh$ , est Angulus dimidiæ Anomaliæ veræ, & $dci$ , Angulus dimidiæ Anomaliæ mediæ. $ci$ & $dh$ sunt lineæ rectæ, secantes se mutuò in $g$ .
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Ab Intersectionis puncto  $g$  demittatur ad  $cd$  perpendicularis  $gb$ . Erit igitur,

$db.bg ::$  Radius ad tang.  $bdg$  vel  $cdh$ .

Et  $cb.bg ::$  Rad. tang.  $bcg$  vel  $dci$ .

Ergo

Ergo  $db \times \text{tang. } cdh = bg \times \text{Rad.} = cb \times \text{tang. } dci$ .

Quare  $db.cb :: \text{tang. } dci. \text{tang. } cdh$ ; hoc est,  $db$  erit ad  $cb$ , ut tangens dimidiæ Anomalix mediæ ad tangentem dimidiæ Anomalix veræ; adeoque (per Regulam supra expositam) ut distantia Planetæ maximæ, ad distantiam minimam. Quamobrem  $db =$  erit distantia Planetæ maximæ, &  $cb$ , minimæ, &  $ab$ , excentricitati.

Cumque idem eodem modo demonstretur de cæteris omnibus Interfectionum punctis, nimir. Perpendiculares ab ipsis ad  $cd$  lineam incidere in punctum  $b$ ; oportet, ut recta, jungens ipsas Interfectiones, congruat perpendiculari  $bgf$ .

III. Ductâ diametro  $hak$ , fiat arcus  $kl =$  arcui  $id$ , & ducantur  $ke$  &  $hl$ , secantes se mutuò in  $p$ . Ab  $h$  in  $bgf$  demittatur perpendicularis  $hr$ , eadẽque parallela Apfidum lineæ  $cd$ ; erit angulus  $rhs$  semi-differentia arcuum Anomalix veræ  $ch$ , & mediæ  $di$ . Tum ab eodem  $h$  puncto ducatur recta  $hb$ , faciens cum  $kh$  angulum  $=$  angulo  $rhs$ , & occurrens lineæ Apfidum in  $\beta$ . Erit  $\triangle a\beta h$  angulus  $\beta ah$  mensura arcûs  $ch$ , sive Anomalix veræ, &  $\beta ha$  semi-differentia Anomalix veræ & mediæ (ex Constructione;) & externus  $c\beta h$  (æqualis duobus internis & oppositis  $\beta ah$  &  $\beta ha$ , adeoque compositus ex Anomalia vera & semi-differentia ejus à media) erit semi-summa Anomalix veræ & mediæ. Ergo, per Corollarii I<sup>mi</sup> Analogiam priorem; Ut Sinus  $c\beta h$ , ad Sinum  $\beta ha$ ; ita Radius  $ah$ , ad Excentricitatem  $a\beta$ . Sed supra demonstravimus quoque  $ab$  æqualem Excentricitati. Ergo punctum  $\beta$  congruit puncto  $b$ .

Tum ex  $b$  excitetur ipsi  $hb$  perpendicularis  $bt$ ; Aio, hanc continuatam incidere in punctum Interfectionis  $p$ . Nam Triangula  $rhs$  &  $bht$  sunt similia, ex Constructione; quemadmodum &  $\triangle m bpk$  simile est  $\triangle o hgi$ , cum eidem peripheriæ  $ch$  insistentes anguli  $pkh$  &  $gih$  sint æquales, nec non æqualibus peripheriis  $kl$  &  $id$  insistentes anguli  $phk$  &  $ghi$  æquales; quare & tertius  $bpk$  æqualis est tertio  $hgi$ . Et ex æqualibus  $phk$  &  $ghi$  ablati æqualibus  $bht$  &  $rhs$ , restant æquales  $phb$  &  $ghr$ . Vnde sic arguo:  $srb = tbb$ , &  $rbs = bht$ , Ergo  $hsr = htb$ ; ergo & Complementa horum ad semi-circulum sunt æqualia, nimir.  $rsi = btk$ ; &  $srg = tkp$ , Ergo &  $igs = kpt$ , quibus ablati ex æqualibus  $igh$ , &  $kph$ , restat  $hgs = hpt$ ; &  $ghr = phb$ , Ergo &  $hrg = hbp$ . Sed  $hrg$  est rectus. Ergo &  $hbp$  rectus est. Cum verò &  $bht$  rectus sit ex Constructione, erit  $tb$  in directum ipsi  $bp$ . Cumque idem eodem modo demonstretur de quavis alia Interfectione linearum ab  $h$  &  $k$  ad congruentiæ Anomalix veræ & mediæ puncta ductarum; patet, non modo rectam, jungentem interfectiones, transcurram per  $b$  punctum; sed &  $hb$ , lineam perpendicularem fore ad eandem Jungentem. *q.e. dem.*

*Corollarium.* Si à quovis puncto Anomalix veræ, puta  $b$ , ad respondens punctum Anomalix mediæ ducatur recta  $bi$ ; excitata è Centro Excentrici  $b$ , ipsi  $c b d$  perpendicularis  $b f$  secabit ipsam  $bi$  in  $s$  eâ ratione, quam linea mediæ motûs obtinet ad lineam veri motûs.

Nam per *Corollarium* I<sup>m</sup>i Analogiam posteriorem,  $hb$  est semi-subtensa; Ergo per *Corollarium* II<sup>um</sup>, perpendicularis erecta ex  $b$ , nimir.  $bt$ , secat diametrum  $hk$  in  $t$  eâ ratione, quam linea mediæ motûs obtinet ad lineam veri motûs. Ergo &  $rs$  (sive  $bf$ ) secat  $hi$  lineam eadem ratione in  $s$ ; propter demonstratam modò figurarum  $t b b k p b b$  &  $s r h i g h r$  similitudinem.

Cæterum ex laudata superius Reverendiss. *Wardi* Methodo inveniendi primam inæqualitatem, non est difficile, alium adhuc modum investigandi Apogæa & Excentricitates, non minus directum & Geometricum, & Observationes quovis admittentem, producere; quem & paucis exponam. Plures modos invenient Astrophili in Reverendiss. Viri *Astronomia Geometrica*, edita *A.* 1656, ad quam eos remitto. Interim

*Fig. V.* Sint  $l$  &  $d$  duo foci Ellipseos;  $t$  &  $u$  duo puncta veri motûs Planetæ; arcus Ellipseos  $t u$  ex  $l$  spectatus sub angulo  $t l u$ , & ex  $d$ , sub angulo  $t d u$ ; item distantia focorum  $l d$  ex  $t$  spectatus sub angulo  $d t l$ , & ex  $u$ , sub angulo  $d u l$ : Aio, differentiam quorundam angulorum  $t l u$ ,  $t d u$ , a qualem esse differentiam angulorum  $d t l$  &  $d u l$ .

Cum enim trianguli  $l u x$  tres anguli simul sumpti æquales sint trianguli  $d t x$  tribus angulis simul sumptis, si auferantur utrinque æquales  $l x u$  &  $d x t$ , reliquorum duorum summa  $u l x + l u x$  erit = summæ reliquorum  $t d x + d t x$ , & ab his æqualibus summis si auferantur inæquales, v. g.  $u l x$  ex priori, &  $t d x$  ex posteriori; reliquorum,  $l u x$  &  $d t x$ , differentia = est differentie ablatorum  $u l x$  &  $t d x$ ; quod erat propositum.

Centro  $l$ , intervallo axis transversæ  $m n$ , describatur Circulus  $a b c$ , cujus arcus  $a b$  rursus ex  $l$  spectatur sub angulo  $a l b$ , & ex  $d$ , sub angulo  $a d b$ ; item distantia focorum  $l d$  ex  $a$  spectatur sub angulo  $l a d$ , & ex  $b$ , sub angulo  $l b d$ . Ergo rursus differentia angulorum  $a l b$  &  $a d b$  = est differentie angulorum  $l a d$  &  $l b d$ . Sed per *Coroll.* 1. angulus  $l a d$  semis est anguli  $l u d$ , & angulus  $l b d$  semis anguli  $l t d$ . Ergo horum angulorum  $l a d$  &  $l b d$  differentia = est semi-differentie angulorum  $l u d$  &  $l t d$ ; ergo & angulorum  $a l b$  &  $a d b$  differentia = est semi-differentie angulorum  $u l t$  &  $u d t$ , quorum prior est intervallum apparens duarum Observationum, posterior autem, intervallum motûs mediæ. Data igitur horum intervallorum differentia, datur quoque hujus (differentie) semis, nimir. differentia angulorum  $a l b$  &  $a d b$ . Sed  $a l b$  idem est cum  $u l t$  dato; Ergo datur quoque  $a d b$  angulus, sub quo peripheria  $a b$  spectatur ex  $d$ .

Simili modo ostendetur, differentiam angulorum  $tly$  &  $tdy$  æqualem esse summæ angulorum  $ltd$  &  $lyd$ ; nec non differentiam angulorum  $bld$  &  $bdc$  = esse summæ angulorum  $lbd$  &  $lcd$ . Cumque  $lbd$  semis sit ipsius  $ltd$ , &  $lcd$  semis ipsius  $lyd$ ; erit sanè summa ipsorum  $lbd$  &  $lcd$  = semi-summæ angulorum  $ltd$  &  $lyd$ , hoc est, differentia angulorum  $bld$  &  $bdc$  = erit semi-differentiæ angulorum  $tly$  &  $tdy$ , quorum prior est intervallum apparens duarum Observationum, posterior autem, intervallum motûs medii. Quare, datâ horum intervallorum differentiâ, datur quoque hujus semis, nimir. differentia angulorum  $bld$  &  $bdc$ . Sed  $bld$  idem est cum  $tly$  dato; Ergò datur quoque  $bdc$  angulus, sub quo periphæria  $bc$  spectatur ex  $d$ .

Unde liquet, ex datis intervallis Observationum mediis & apparentibus, dari angulos, sub quibus ex  $d$  spectantur Circuli  $abc$  periphæriæ quovis, interceptæ à lineis veri motûs. Ergò, per *Herigoni Theor. Plan.* l. 1. c. 3. Prop. 12. *Schol.* 1. totidem Circuli segmenta describi possunt, capacia angulorum, sub quibus isti arcus conspiciuntur ex  $d$ , quæ segmenta omnia se mutuò interfecabunt in  $d$ . Possunt igitur & hac Methodo inveniri Apogæa & Excentricitates Planetarum, delineatione Geometricâ, adhibitis Observationibus quovis; nec difficilius est, Circulos ducere, quàm lineas rectas.

Sed ut demus id, quod verum est, Clarissimi *Cassini* delinationem Geometricam non-nihil expeditiorem esse; verendum est interim, ne, si *ἐπιβεβαιώσιν* Astronomis expertim sectemur, Diagrammata requirat enormis magnitudinis, adeoque operosior evadat, quàm ipse Calculus. Ad hunc autem accedentes, utramque Methodum æquipollere deprehendemus.

Adhibeamus enim ex Observationibus *Tychonicis* tres, quæ Dom. *Cassini* Diagrammati quodammodo consentiant; nim. Observationem A, cum *An.* 1604, *Mart.* 28 d. 16 h. 23 m. *Mars* observatus fuit in  $\approx$  18 g. 37 m. 10 s. B, cum *An.* 1587, *Mart.* 6 d. 7 h. 23 m. idem Planeta visus fuit in  $\approx$  20 g. 43 m. 0 s. Denique C, cum *An.* 1600 *Jan.* 18 d. 14 h. 2 m. deprehenderetur in  $\approx$  8 g. 38 m. 0 s. Est igitur inter A & B intervallum apparens 22 g. 54 m. 10 s. & huic respondens medium 25 g. 58 m. 40 s; at inter B & C intervallum apparens 47 g. 5 m. 0 s. & medium 56 g. 21 m. 57 s. Itaque

*Methodo*

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*Methodo Cassini*, Fig. II.

1. In Triangulo DBH,

Dantur DB 10,00000

DBH 12|99

BDH 11|45

Queritur BH 9,68106

2. In Triangulo DBG.

Dantur DB 10,00000

DBG 28|18

BDG 23|54

Quer. BG 9,70653

3. In Triangulo HBG.

Dantur BH 9,68106

BG 9,70653

HBG 41|17

Quer. BGH 64|95

Cujus Compl. GBI 25|05

Si auferas ex GBD 28|18

Restat IBD vel IBL 3|13

4. In Triangulo GB I.

Dantur BG 9,70653

GIB 90

GBI 25|05

Quer. BI 9,66363

5. In Triangulo IBL.

Dantur BI 9,66363

BL (semis  $\tau$  BD) 9,69897

IBL 3|13

Quer. BLI 32|31, An. vera,

&amp; LI, 8,67284, Ex-

centricitas.

*Methodo Herigoni*, Fig. V.

1. In Triangulo dbb,

Dantur db 10,00000

adb externus 24|44

bbd 11|45

Quer. bb 10,31894

2. In Triangulo dbg,

Dantur db 10,00000

cdb externus 51|72

bgd 23|54

Quer. bg 10,29347

3. In Triangulo hbg,

Dantur hh 10,31894

hg 10,29347

hbg 41|17

Quer. hbg (vel hbi) 64|95 = bsg

Et hbi = sgb = 90°

Ergo hbi = gbs = 25|05

Ex gbi = gbs + sbi (= hbg - hbi) = 16|12

Aufer dbh = hbi - dbi = 12|99

Restat gbs + sbi - hbi + dbi = sbd (vel dbi) 3|13

4. In Triangulo gbs

Dantur bg 10,29347

bgs 90

gbs 25|05

Quer. bs 10,33637

5. In Triangulo dbl,

Dantur bd 10,00000

bl (semis  $\tau$  bs) 10,03534

dbl 3|13

Querit. bld 32|31 Anom. vera

Et ld 9,00926 Excentricitas.

Nimir. Ut Fig. II. BL 9,69897, ad LI, 8,67284;

Ita Fig. V. bl 10,03534, ad ld 9,00926.

Ex loco apparenti secundæ Observationis

auferatur angulus Anomalix veræ BLI

Restat locus Apogei

s. g. m. sec.

5 25 43 0

1 2 18 36

4 23 24 24

D 2

Erat

Erat autem reverà ævo *Tychonis* Apogeon *Martis* in  $\Omega$   $28\frac{1}{2}$  d., à quo deficit iste locus, calculo inventus, solidis quinque gradibus. Porro, Ut B L 9, 69897,  $\int$  Ita 5, 18290 Log-us 152369 distantia med.  $\delta$  tis, ad L I 8, 67284;  $\int$  ad 4, 15677 Log-um 14347 Excentricitatis  $\delta$  tis.

Est autem vera Excentric.  $\delta$  tis 14179, quam ista, calculo inventa, excedit  $\frac{168}{14179}$  particulis.

Cæterum in ratiocinio secundum utramque Methodum instituto notare licet non modò perpetuam Triangulorum similitudinem, sed & Epilogismi congruentiam; ne quis Apogei & Excentricitatis sic inventæ à vero discrepantiam censeat errori Calculi imputandam. Sed nec Observationum vitio contingit; quas in dubium vocare nil aliud foret, quàm principia in Astronomia negare. Itaque restat, ut Hypothesin excutiamus.

Et *Ellipticæ* quidem Orbitæ Inventio sine controversia *Keplero* debetur; sed quibus Accelerationis & Retardationis gradibus incedant Planetæ, definire, non minùs pertinet ad integrandam Hypothesin, quàm ipsius Orbitæ determinatio. Quanquam autem ex Cl. *Cassini* (vel Interpretis ejus) sermone id nusquam apparet; attamen ex Constructione Problematis, & ejus Analyfi, manifestum est, eum supponere, Planetam ex foco superiori videri prorsus æquabili motu incedere. Fuit sanè, cum idem exillimaret *Keplerum*, quod ejus Scripta evolventibus liquere potest. Sed cum id Observationibus nequaquam congruere animadverteret, mutavit sententiam, & lineam veri motûs Planetæ æqualibus temporibus æquales areas Ellipticas verrere professus est: Punctum autem, ex quo Planeta exactè æquabili motu procedere videtur, nullum omnino extare in hoc Universo, nisi id libratile statuere libeat. Nulli interim puncto propriùs æquabilem videri incesum Planetæ, quàm ipsi foco superiori Ellipseos. Neque inventus fuit hætenus, qui areas *Kepleri* phænomenis satisfacere posse negaret; sed, cum eas Calculo directo exhibere nec ipse nec post eum quisquam potuerit, causati sunt nonnulli, *Keplerum*, nimis indulgentem causis *Physicis*, à *Geometria* diverfum abiisse; quasi causæ physicæ repugnent *Geometriæ*, aut minus *Geometricum* sit Problema, quod, nullâ injectâ physicarum causarum mentione, sic proponitur: *Data area Trilini, inter lineas absidum, & veri motus, nec non peripheriam Ellipticam intercepti, invenire Angulum ad Solem.* Habent igitur à *Keplero* responsum, qui illi ἀπευστηριαν objiciunt; nim. *Eant ipsi & Schema solvant.*

Quamvis autem religio fuerit *Keplero*, ab Hypothesi, quam *Naturalis* esse planè persuasum habebat, recedere; quidni liberum foret aliis periculum facere, num via quævis alia detur, inæqualitatem Planetarum primam directo Calculo investigandi? Ideoque Vir Clariss. *Ism. Bullialdus* aggressus est ratiocinio *Geometrico* indagare, quâ semitâ, & quibus intentionis ac remissionis gradibus conveniret Planetas ferri, ut ab æquabili incesûs norma, Astronomis ante *Keplerum* assumptâ, ad eam, quam spectamus, Inæqualitatem perduceremur. Perennant Illustrissimi viri

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monumenta, unde omnem hujus Inventi rationem haurire licet Astrophiliis. Amplexus eandem Reverendis. *Seth. Wardus*, primum ostendit, paria facere cum linea æquabilis motus circa alterum Ellipseos umbilicum gyrata; deinde & Calculi directi methodo ornavit eā, quam paulo antè recitavimus: Ita ut nil amplius desiderari posset, quàm ut *Urania* felicitibus captis annueret. Cujus quidem nomine suscipere ausus fuit Illustriss. Comes *Paganus*, edito, *biennio post*, ejusdem ferè tenoris Scripto, adeò veram esse Hypothesin, ut deprehensam circa Octantes discrepantiam, Astronomorum insectiæ tributam mallet. At Cl. *Bullialdus*, audiendam potius ipsam Astronomiam ratus, Observatorum ore loquentem, secundis curis, adhibita prioribus Inventis limitatione quadam, discrepantiam illam exterminavit. Unde porro intelligitur, Hypothesin illam, cui Cl. *Cassinus* investigationem Apogeorum & Excentricitatum superstruit, tantundem ferè deficere à vero, quantum Cl. *Bullialdi* limitatio pollet, atque ab illo defectu pullulare eum quem suprà notavimus, Calculi à Cælo dissensum.

Tantum vero abest, ut de Eximii Viri Inventionem vel minimum delibatum velim, ut quicquid hujus lucubratiuncule non hausi ex Reverendiss. *Wardo*, vel *Herigono*, id omne Ipsi libentissimè acceptum referam, qui ansum nobis præbuit hæc altius considerandi. Nec dubitamus, quin omnia ista multò uberius ac luculentius in promisso *Tractatu* exposita propediem reperturi simus, cujus Editionem maturam, pro eo quo flagramus divinissimæ Scientiæ amore, perquam avidè exspectamus.

#### An Account of Three Books.

I. *Esperienze intorno alla Generazione Degli' Insetti, fatte da Francesco Redi, Accademico della Crusca. In Firenze, A. 1668. in 4o.*

**T**He Learned and Ingenious Author of this Book, lately come to the Publishers hands, though not yet (which is much disliked by the curious) into our Stationers Shops, doth with much industry undertake therein to evince, that there is no such thing as *Æquivocal Generation* but that every Animal is generated by the seed of another Animal, (its parent,) or, at least, from some Living and un-corrupted Plant, as out of Oak-Apples, and several Protuberances and Excrecencies of Vegetables.

*First* then, in the asserting of the *Universal* and true Generation of Insects by a peculiar and paternal Seed, the Author positively affirms, that he could never find, by all the Experiments and Observations, he ever made (of which he relateth a great number, by himself made upon all sorts of Animals) that ever any Insects were bred from Flesh, or Fish, or *putrified* Plants, or any other Bodies, but such, as Flies had access unto, and scatter'd their seed upon; he having taken extraordinary care and pains to observe, that alwayes on the Flesh, before it did verminate, there sat Flies of the self same kind with those, that were afterwards produc'd thence; and again, that no Worms would ever come from any Flesh in Vessels well cover'd, and defended from the access of Flies; so that to him there is no generation of Insects from any dead Animals, but such as have been fly-blown.

And least it should be objected, that the reason, why in vessels exactly clos'd, no Insect breeds, is the want of Air, necessary to all Generation, He hath carefully covered several vessels with very fine Naples-vaile, for the Air to enter, though Flies could not; but that no worms at all were bred there, notwithstanding that many Flies swarmed about them, invited by the smell of the Flesh inclosed therein.

*Secondly*, to make out the other part of his Position. *viz.* That those Animals that are not bred by the seed of other Animals, are produced from some live Plant, or its

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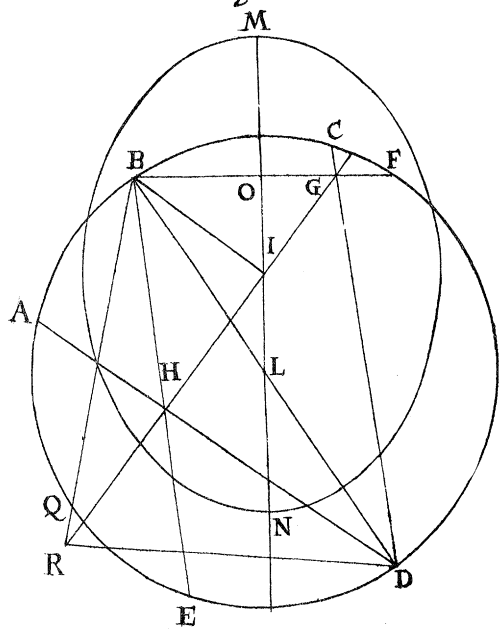


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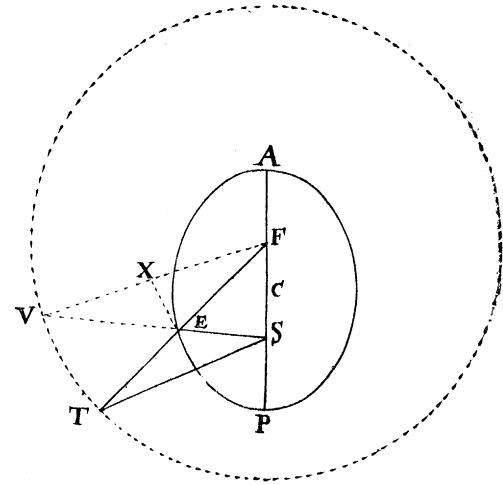


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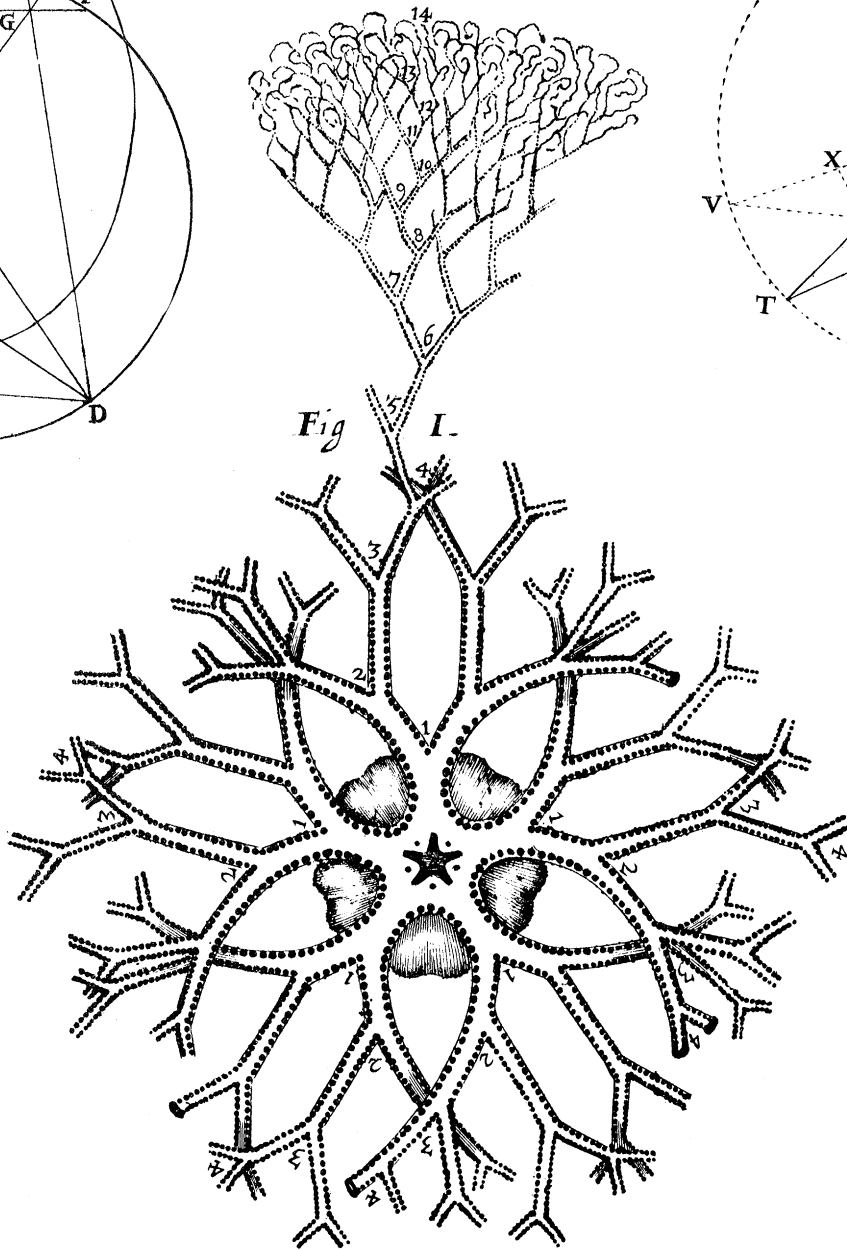


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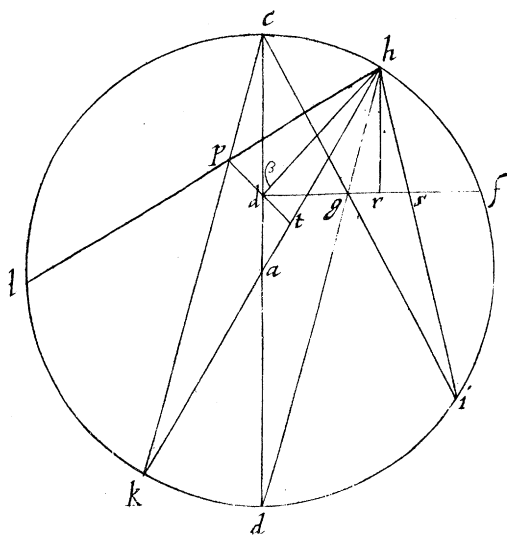


Fig. V.

